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TAGS: ELTN, CG, ANG

SUBJECT: BENGUELA RAILROAD OPENING

REF: LUBUMBASHI 121

1. ZAIRIAN RAILROAD OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT DESPITE SUCCESSFUL TESTING OF BRIDGE AT DILOLO ON AUGUST 9 AND PREVIOUS SPECULATION THAT BENGUELA RAILROAD MIGHT BEGIN FIRST RUNS DURING LATTER PART OF SAME MONTH, NO TRAFFIC HAS BEEN SENT INTO ZAIRE AS YET. ZAIRIANS REPORT ALSO NO EFFORT TO REPATRIATE ESTIMATED 750 EMPTY FREIGHT CARS STILL STRANDED IN ANGOLA BY WAR. EARLIEST OPENING EXPECTED IS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 10 AND 15.

2. LOCAL OFFICIALS SPECULATE THAT SECURITY PROBLEMS ALONG ANGOLAN PORTION OF ROUTE ARE LIKELY PRIMARY DIFFICULTY.  
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